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**PROVINCIAL WATER FORUM SESSION TO ADDRESS WATER CRISIS
CHALLENGES IN THE EASTERN CAPE: CHAIRED BY MEC ZOLILE
WILLIAMS**

The Eastern Cape Province is faced with multitude water crisis challenges like Drought, Water Services Backlogs, unreliable supply of water due to operational matters, loadshedding, pollution of the environment, general capacity to manage Water Sector Authorities (WSAs) function by other municipalities and poor planning contributing to the water crisis. These pressing challenges lead to numerous complaints and requests for supply of water across the length and breadth of the province creating massive demand on the already stressed resources.

In this regard the Provincial Water Forum was established as a collaborative Intergovernmental Relations structure to drive the process of co-ordinating support between all political leadership and stakeholders in the water sector to ensure effective water service delivery and efficient water resources management

It is against this background that MEC for the department of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs, Cogta, Zolile Williams as the Chairperson of the forum will convene a one-day session, **on Wednesday 01 November 2023.**

MEC Williams said “the objectives of the session amongst others is to adopt a collective approach between Government Departments and other sector stakeholders to address key water segment challenges to avoid duplication and a waste of resources.”

The session will also evaluate progress achieved against various infrastructure and social programmes towards betterment of service delivery in the province. The details of the event are as follows:

Date : 01 November 2023

Venue :EL – IDZ

Time :09:00

Members of the media are invited and can confirm their attendance to Mr .Vuyani Sibene at
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